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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Congratulations on the long-awaited settlement with Microsoft. It was long overdue. It is most unfortunate that nine states continue to waste far more time on this matter than can possibly be justified. With situations like the one at Enron commonplace they would be wise to spread their attention in places where millions of people are likely to benefit more from the outcome.

Enough is enough. Please move forward with the settlement as agreed to by Microsoft. Although as a shareholder in Microsoft I think that even that settlement goes too far I am willing to lend my voice to the voices of compromise in order to move to far more important matters for our economy, our nation and the general welfare of the people of this country.

Respectfully,  
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